GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
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FLIGHTS FROM KOLKATA AIRPORT
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the India Airlines flights in operation as on date alongwith their routes from Kolkata Airport;

(b) whether the Government proposes to introduce more direct flights from Kolkata to Delhi and other metropolitan cities;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL)

(a): From Kolkata, National Aviation Company of India Limited (NACIL-I) (erstwhile Indian Airlines) is operating 21 Flights/Week (F/W) each to Delhi and Guwahati; 14 F/W each to Mumbai and Agartala, 11 F/W to Silchar; 7 F/W each to Bangalore, Chennai, Port Blair and Dimapur; 5 F/W to Dibrugarh; 4 F/W each to Jaipur (via Ahmedabad), Imphal (via Aizwal) and Chennai (via Bhubaneshwar); 3 F/W each to Bagdogra, Ahmedabad (via Jaipur), Aizwal (via Imphal); 2 F/W to Jorhat (via Tezpur) and 1 F/W each to Jorhat (via Shillong) and Tezpur (via Shillong). NACIL-I is also operating 1 F/W to Yangon; 6 F/W to Kathmandu and 1 F/W to Yangon (via Gaya) from Kolkata as well as 6 freighter services per week on Kolkata- Guwahati- Imphal- Agartala- Kolkata sector.

(b), (c) and (d): NACIL-I is in the process of inducting a new fleet of 43 A320 family aircraft, of which seven aircraft have already been received by the airline, with the remaining aircraft to follow at an average of about 1 aircraft per month till March, 2010. The airline plans to utilize the new aircraft to add flights on key competitive routes, including the metro sectors such as the Kolkata- Delhi route, subject to market conditions.